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Stolen property recovered

Military Police Investigators with the Directorate of Public Safety have recovered stolen property and are looking for the owner(s).

If you have been the victim of a theft and had stereo equipment stolen in the past few months and can identify your property, call John Griffin, Military Police Investigations, at 533-8827.

11th Sig. changes command

The 11th Signal Brigade will be conducting its brigade change of command ceremony today. This event will take place at Fort Huachuca's historic Brown Parade Field at 8 a.m.

At this ceremony Col. Daniel R. Judy will relinquish command of the Thunderbird Brigade to Col. Mark S. Bowman.

This will be a silent ceremony where all the commands will be given by semaphore flags. Brig. Gen. James D. Bryan, vice director, Defense Information Systems Agency, will be the reviewing officer.

Red Cross orientation

The American Red Cross Sierra Vista Service Center will be conducting an orientation today at 5:30 p.m. The orientation will be at the Service Center located at 1939 S. Frontage Rd.

This orientation provides a general overview of the Red Cross to anyone interested in becoming a Red Cross volunteer. Also, there are volunteer opportunities at the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center on Fort Huachuca.

For information or to sign up, call the Red Cross office at 458-4858.

Box Office hours change

Beginning Monday, the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Box Office will be open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Soldiers intensify search 111th MI Bde. sends troops to Patagonia

By Sgt. Cullen James
Scout Staff

Searches intensified Tuesday for missing Fort Huachuca soldier Pfc. John. S. Johnston, assigned to Company E, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion here.

The search efforts involved 28 soldiers from 111th Military Intelligence Brigade, operations officer and noncommissioned officer in charge from the Fort Huachuca Directorate of Public Safety, medical support for the soldiers on site from the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center, and other personnel from the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office and the Arizona State Parks rangers at Patagonia Lake.

Johnston was reported missing July 1 from the lake by friends who had joined him on a camping trip.

"Our first search objective today is to locate the soldier or soldier's remains. The family of the soldier is in anguish and we want to help put an end to that," said Capt. Michael Petty, operations officer for the search.

"Secondly, this search is a 'no go' if one of our soldiers gets hurt or lost," Petty said. "We also want to maximize training value — this is a real world mission. We're using our movement and land navigation skills.

"But, this is not a nature hike," Petty said. "We're going to be doing focused, intense searches. There's a lot of pretty scenery out here, but if you're doing searches the way you're supposed to, you won't even notice it."

The search soldiers were broken down into six ground search teams and two water teams. Ground teams had to battle rough and unwieldy terrain, covering two map "grid squares." The water teams stuck to the shoreline, beating through large brush while one soldier went to the shore side to look down at



Photos by Sgt. Cullen James

Capt. Michael Petty, operations officer, Fort Huachuca DPS, shows the collected soldiers what the breakdown of the Ground and Water search teams are.



Ground team five had to be boated to their search area to speed up the process.

the shoreline.

Search efforts began around 7:30 a.m. and ended at 4 p.m. with only a two-hour break for lunch. "We're giving you a long break because it's so hot out here and you're doing some pretty intense labor," Petty said.

The soldiers took off on boats and on foot to systemically cover their assigned areas.

During the search, Sgt. 1st Class Gregory W. Benoit, from Company B, 305th MI Bn., was asked by Tucson Channel 4 news whether he thought the day's activities were hard. "Do you mean physically or mentally," he asked the reporters. The reporters asked him for both.

"Physically? No, it's not that hard. Men-

tally? No — I like to think that if this happened to me they'd be doing the same thing for me. So, no it's not hard," Benoit said.

"He's one of our own," said Capt. Kevin Reiszewicz, the action officer assigned to the search. "We take care of our own."

At 4 p.m. Tuesday, nothing was found. The crew packed up and redeployed to the lake Wednesday to resume their search.

Shortly after Johnston was reported missing, campers found a sweatshirt and lighter belonging to Johnston. They turned these over to the park rangers. Currently this is the only evidence found.

Search efforts to date include: physical searches of the area; a marina dive; cadaver dog searches; dives based on the cadaver dog hits. Nothing was found during any of these searches.

In the event Wednesday's search turned up nothing, a seven-soldier dive team from Fort Eustis, Va. is en route to perform searches of the lake.

"We're committed to finding answers for this family," Petty said.

The Scout's Chaplain

225th Anniversary

Multitudes of chaplains volunteer for Vietnam duty

Chapel release

During the early days of Vietnam, so many Army chaplains were volunteering for duty in Vietnam that the Office of the Chief of Chaplains had to disapprove some of the applications.

The chaplain's ministry in Vietnam has been described clearly by Chaplain John H. Herrlinger of the Lutheran Church in America. He said, "Our altar is the front of a jeep, our pews Vietnamese soil and our roof the burning Oriental sky. Men grow up in a minute over here."

Sam Castan, Far East senior editor for Look magazine, once followed Chaplain Thomas J. Confroy on his rounds with the 1st Infantry Division.

He wrote, "He never pressures anyone into coming to this church [a clearing in the jungle], he never asks why the buddy who came last time has not returned. His sermons are brief and often mention the value of suffering as a means to understanding what Christ Himself endured. He

never speaks of the nearness of death — everyone here knows it full well. The hardest part of Father Confroy's work comes after Mass, as he awaits at the aid station for those who have received Holy Communion, struck into the jungle, and will be soon returning for Extreme Unction, the last rites of his Church."

In the history of the Chaplains Corps, there have been three that have received the Medal of Honor. One of the awardees is Chaplain Charles J. Watters.

Watters, was a 40 year-old native of Jersey City, New Jersey. He was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 1953. He served parishes in his hometown, as wells as, in Rutherford, Paramus, and Cranford, New Jersey. In 1962, he became a chaplain in the Air National Guard.

In 1964, he entered active duty as an Army chaplain. In July 1967 he completed a 12-month tour in Vietnam.

He volunteered for a six-month extension of duty in Vietnam. At the time he

was assigned to the 173rd Support Battalion, 173rd Airborne Brigade. On Nov. 19, 1967, he was moving with one of the companies in his battalion. The unit was heading toward Dak To on an assault.

An intense battle erupted. Watters ran to the front to assist the wounded and administer prayers for the dying. While at the front, he saw a wounded soldier standing in the field of fire. The soldier was in shock. Watters ran to the man, lifted the man onto his shoulders, and carried the man to safety.

As his unit pushed forward, Watters continued his ministry at the front, caring for another wounded man. The unit was forced to pull back. The chaplain was caught between lines while recovering two more wounded soldiers.

Watters pulled the two to safety as his unit was forced to pull back and establish a new perimeter. Against the discouragement of his fellow soldiers, Watters again ran out of the perimeter three more times

to recover wounded men.

During the battle, Watters distributed food and water to those who were fighting. He assisted the medics in caring for the wounded. However, Watters was killed when he took a direct hit from a mortar round.

His charred, mangled chaplain's kit is on display at the Chaplains School, Fort Jackson, SC. For his "conspicuous gallantry...unyielding perseverance and selfless devotion to his comrades," Chaplain Watters was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor on Nov. 4, 1969.

Chaplains practice a "ministry of presence." Chaplains go wherever soldiers go, offering a listening ear, and encouraging word, a message from God, or a cup of cold water.

One battalion commander once told me, "Chaplain, your job is to be wherever the soldiers are the most miserable." That, in a nutshell, is the mission of the chaplain. You can count on your chaplain.

Military weapon information resources available at post library

By Chris Hurd
Librarian

Where can I find information on the M1A1 tank? The Fort Huachuca Library is a good place to start. The library has many books and reports on all kinds of weapons, from rifles to surface-to-air missiles. One can also find pictures of most weapons.

The primary source for weapon information is one of the many Jane's books available in the Library. While this article is not an endorsement for Jane's Information Group, the fact remains that Jane's is a leading source of unclassified information on weapons.

Jane's divides information on weapons into several categories; each represented by a book or binder.

The book, *Jane's Infantry Weapons*, includes material on rifles, sub-machine guns and machine guns. The rifle section contains information on special use rifles, such as sniper rifles and carbines. This book also covers weapons such as grenade launchers and flame-throwers.

Another popular book is *Jane's Armour and Artillery*, and a closely related publication, *Jane's Armour and Artillery Upgrades*. Yes, as this book is published in Great Britain, their 'armour' is the American 'armor.' Included here are main battle tanks, medium tanks, and light tanks. Re-

connaissance vehicles, armored personnel carriers and tank destroyers make up a good portion of this volume.

Lastly, artillery in its several forms is featured. Self-propelled guns and howitzers, tracked and untracked, are covered, as are towed anti tank guns, guns and howitzers. The final group represented is multiple rocket launchers.

Jane's Military Vehicles and Logistics concentrates on trucks, and lightweight trucks. Other vehicles contained in this book are tank transporters, heavy equipment recovery vehicles, and tracked prime movers.

Also included are bridges: mechanized, floating, and tactical non-floating. The remainder of the volume covers items such as water supplies, field fortifications, shelters, and containers.

The subject matter of *Jane's Land-based Air Defence* needs little introduction. Again the British 'defence' is the American 'defense.' Man-portable systems such as the Stinger low altitude surface-to-air missile are discussed at length. Self-propelled anti-aircraft guns receive considerable attention, as do self-propelled surface to air missiles. Likewise, towed anti-aircraft guns and SAMs are included.

The final group of weapons covered here is mines. *Jane's Mines and Mine Clearance* is a recent addition to the Jane's collection. The book contains categories for mines and booby

traps currently deployed, and mines and booby traps not yet deployed.

Mine laying equipment, mine detection equipment, and mine clearing equipment make up the rest of the volume. There are also tables on types of mines in threatened countries and mine technical data.

Recently, the library acquired the *Jane's Land System Image Library*. This is a CD-ROM with images of armor, artillery and military vehicles. Users can search on a computer for a piece of equipment, and print the image. Only pictures can be printed, not text.

All Jane's books cover weapons produced throughout the word. Each book has an index. The library has a good collection of most books; for example, the infantry weapons volumes go back to 1975. The library has made an effort to purchase the most popular books at least every other year.

The M1A1 main battle tank can be found in the Jane's armor (or armour) and artillery book. Several pages are devoted to this well-known tank.

The Fort Huachuca Library is located on the corner of Smith and Arizona streets. Library hours are 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, and 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. For information, call 533-3041.

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Three-month Fort Huachuca training ends

‘I-Brigade’ intelligence troops off to Fort Lewis

By Sgt. Cullen James
Scout Staff

Three months of working as a team and training on the latest intelligence technology on Fort Huachuca is at an end.

Soldiers making up the Military Intelligence Company of the Initial Brigade Combat Team have been training here for the past three months and begin moving to Fort Lewis, Wash. Friday. Training began with the soldiers from 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (the IBCT), the first week of May and included training on new systems and using the systems during training exercises, according to Maj. Patrick Daniel, senior trainer, MI IBCT.

The MI portion of the IBCT will include just under 200 soldiers. The soldiers were pulled directly from Advanced Individual Training here, and soldiers stationed abroad moved into the slots through normal permanent change of station. The IBCT personnel were either on temporary duty en route to Fort Lewis or attached here from Lewis to complete the training.

“They’ve primarily been doing systems training ... with the kind of resources they’ll have at Fort Lewis,” Daniel said. Many of the systems the MI soldiers trained with are either new to the field or are about to be fielded.

“The systems are different — they’re mostly new or new to brigade level,” Daniel said. “They’re just being fielded or will be fielded for the IBCT over the next year.”

“The IBCT will have some of the first integration of future [Intelligence/Surveillance/Reconnaissance] systems,” Daniel said.

Other than the newness of the systems, another training difference was the size contingency the soldiers were trained to support, Daniel explained.

“Usually we train for a Major Theater War contingency,” Daniel said. A Major Theatre War contingency is considered a full-scale war such as Desert Shield/Desert Storm. “Here, we’ve been training for a small-scale contingency, such as urban warfare or asymmetric/asynchronous conflicts that could potentially escalate to MTW.”

Asymmetric/asynchronous attacks are small threats from sources that are not on the same level as the U.S. Army, Daniel said. “They’re small threats versus peer

competitors, but attack via unconventional means such as information operations including cyber threats, or terrorism.”

Another difference in the “I-brigade’s” intelligence unit is the resources available to them are commonly available only at higher command levels.

“We can pull information from local and national resources and put together [intelligence] packets for the commander,” said Staff Sgt. Keith Szuba, platoon sergeant, Intelligence/Surveillance/Reconnaissance Integration Platoon.

Having the resources at this level will save time getting information to the battlefield commander, according to Sgt. Lee Johnson, noncommissioned officer in charge, 3rd Brigade S2X. The S2X is like an intelligence headquarters focusing on the gathering and accumulation of human intelligence.

For the IBCT, Johnson with the other S2X personnel utilized new software to aid their mission. “Fort Huachuca has been a great place to train,” Johnson said. “It’s a great training opportunity. We’ve been able to focus entirely on training for our mission.”

Although the “I-brigade” soldiers are leaving Fort Huachuca, the post will continue to play a large training role in the IBCT, according to Daniel. “Once at Fort Lewis [the Military Intelligence soldiers] will be fielding the new systems. They will also go through new equipment training ... Fort Huachuca will be sending NET teams to Fort Lewis to train them over the next year,” Daniel said. “Fort Huachuca still has a big stake in their training after they leave here.”



Photos by Maj. Patrick Daniel

From the classroom to the field, MI soldiers participated in a variety of training during their three months at Fort Huachuca.

One of the challenges, aside from training, involved having the soldiers work together as a company prior to the company’s actual activation. “We officially stand up as the 209th Military Intelligence Company, 3rd Brigade, Sept. 5,” said 1st Lt. David Simon, executive officer, Military Intelligence Company.

The company is formed, with the chain of command in place, but isn’t yet part of the IBCT. Currently the company is attached to the 304th Military Intelligence Battalion here. As the soldiers and equipment begin to trickle to Fort Lewis Friday, the company will reform under the 3rd Brigade, said Simon.

“It’s been an overwhelming task, and a unique honor to be part of the standing up of this unit,” Simon said. “It’s the most unique MI company in the Army.”

As the soldiers prepare to head off to Fort Lewis, Daniel recognized the efforts of the entire post to make the MI IBCT training happen. “This has been a combined effort — just about everyone on Fort Huachuca helped,” he said. “This training could not have occurred without the cooperation and support of the entire installation. Everyone came together to make this happen.”



Intelligence gathering methods such as the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle were part of the training.

New brigade poises fort for future military intelligence training

By Maj. Daniel T. Williams
USAIC&FH PAO

If you are wondering why Fort Huachuca is going to stand up another brigade you’re not alone.

The change is part of a “logical progression” to ensure the USAIC&FH is poised for the future of military intelligence training, said Brig. Gen. Richard Quirk III, deputy commander, U.S. Army Intelligence Center & Fort Huachuca.

In this realignment, the 306th Military Intelligence Battalion is moving to align with and under the former direc-

torate of continuous learning. This realignment will bring about some functional changes but will not change the numbers of soldiers assigned to the post.

The 112th Military Intelligence Brigade will be staffed and commanded by personnel who are already assigned to Fort Huachuca, and they will work in buildings that already exist here, said

Col. Susan Browning, chief of staff USAIC&FH.

“People are positioned to best accomplish the number one priority — training.”

Brig. Gen. Richard Quirk III

“The post commander, Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas, Jr. commissioned this plan and many considerations were made before he proceeded with the plan,” said Maj. Jake

Conway, secretary, General Staff.

Part of the normal process for new actions, like reorganization, is consid-

ering the environmental impact before implementation. The post’s environmental staff conducted an environmental impact analysis of the reorganization plan prior to its approval.

The conclusion was no growth or additional water use will occur as a result.

“This analysis met the compliance requirements as outlined in the National Environmental Policy Act, and a Record of Environmental Consideration was approved in May 1999,” according to Gretchen Kent, the post’s NEPA Coord-

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Cops: A night with Fort Huachuca's finest

By Sgt. Cullen James
Scout Staff

9:45 p.m.

BLAM! Not a gunshot — doors slamming and opening. Military Police of the Traffic Division are gathered at Chaffee Parade Field, ready to begin their nightly patrols. Waiting as the shifts change, they had a special visitor for the night's patrolling.

The Fort Huachuca Scout reporter shows up and is dropped off (me, of course). We begin quickly. Introductions out of the way, vehicles are loaded up and begin driving Fort Huachuca's streets.

The main mission? Keeping the roads safe by looking for DUI suspects and speeding drivers, according to Staff Sgt. Scott Hadfield, assistant noncommissioned officer in charge, Directorate of Public Safety Traffic Division here.

10:15 p.m. (approximately)

After driving the mostly empty Sat-

halt, only the two did; the third ran into the building.

Hadfield approached the suspects and attempted to get the name and unit of the third. They were reluctant at first, but as Traffic MPs Sgts. Shawn Knott and Craig Hannum showed up they were more forthcoming with information.

11 p.m.

After getting the vital information — name, unit and physical description — Knott and Hannum decided to run into the barracks to find the suspect.

Hadfield and Smith escorted the two suspects back to the bowling alley where a Military Police Investigator was interviewing the brawl participants and witnesses. Hadfield returned to Riley Barracks to ensure the suspect didn't run outside.

Knott and Hannum saw the suspect see them from the top floor and began to chase on foot, but didn't catch him. After the two MPs returned to the parking lot,

“One of our sayings here is we'd rather work radar than wrecks,

Staff Sgt. Scott Hadfield, assistant NCOIC, DPS Traffic Division

urday-night streets of Fort Huachuca, we arrive at a favorite spot. The MPs spend a lot of time sitting and monitoring traffic, ensuring no one is breaking any traffic laws.

“We spend a lot of time on radar. It can be boring, but there's usually something going on,” Hadfield said. “I hope we can get you some action tonight.”

As if it was literary foreshadowing, a call comes in on the radio — a brawl broke out at the Desert Lanes Bowling Alley. As quickly as the call comes in, Hadfield flips on the lights, the siren, and sends his DPS Dodge Ram sailing down the road.

“Although we're running lights and sirens, we still stop for signs and to make sure other traffic is stopping for us,” he said.

About halfway to the bowling alley, a call comes in stating three of the suspects from the brawl have run off on foot. Initially it looks like they went toward the commissary.

A quick run near the commissary turns up nothing, and shortly another call has the suspect placed at Riley Barracks.

Quickly making our way to the barracks, MP Pvt. 2 Glenn Smith is already on scene with two of the suspects.

It seemed that the two who stopped were trying to stop the third suspect from running. When Smith called for them to

Hadfield decided to go to the soldier's unit and inform the staff duty to detain the soldier and call the MPs if he showed up.

One soldier at the staff duty desk knew which room the soldier lived in and Hadfield decided to quickly check and see if he'd actually made it back.

No luck in his room, but as we were leaving the building, a soldier with blood on his khaki pants walked in. Hadfield made verbal confirmation that this was the soldier being looked for, placed handcuffs on him and escorted him to the parking lot. He made a call to the MP desk and had a cruiser come and pick him up.

“I don't know why a soldier thinks he can run away,” Hadfield said. “They always have to come back to their unit.”

11:45 p.m.

Things slowed down a bit after the bowling brawl. Hadfield made one stop for erratic driving. He administered field sobriety tests to the driver and thought the driver may have been driving while influenced. Eventually, the Breathalyzer machine arrived and the driver was clean and released.

On the way to the main gate, we pulled over a car. It wound up being the second time that evening the car was pulled over for speeding. The driver was given a ticket.

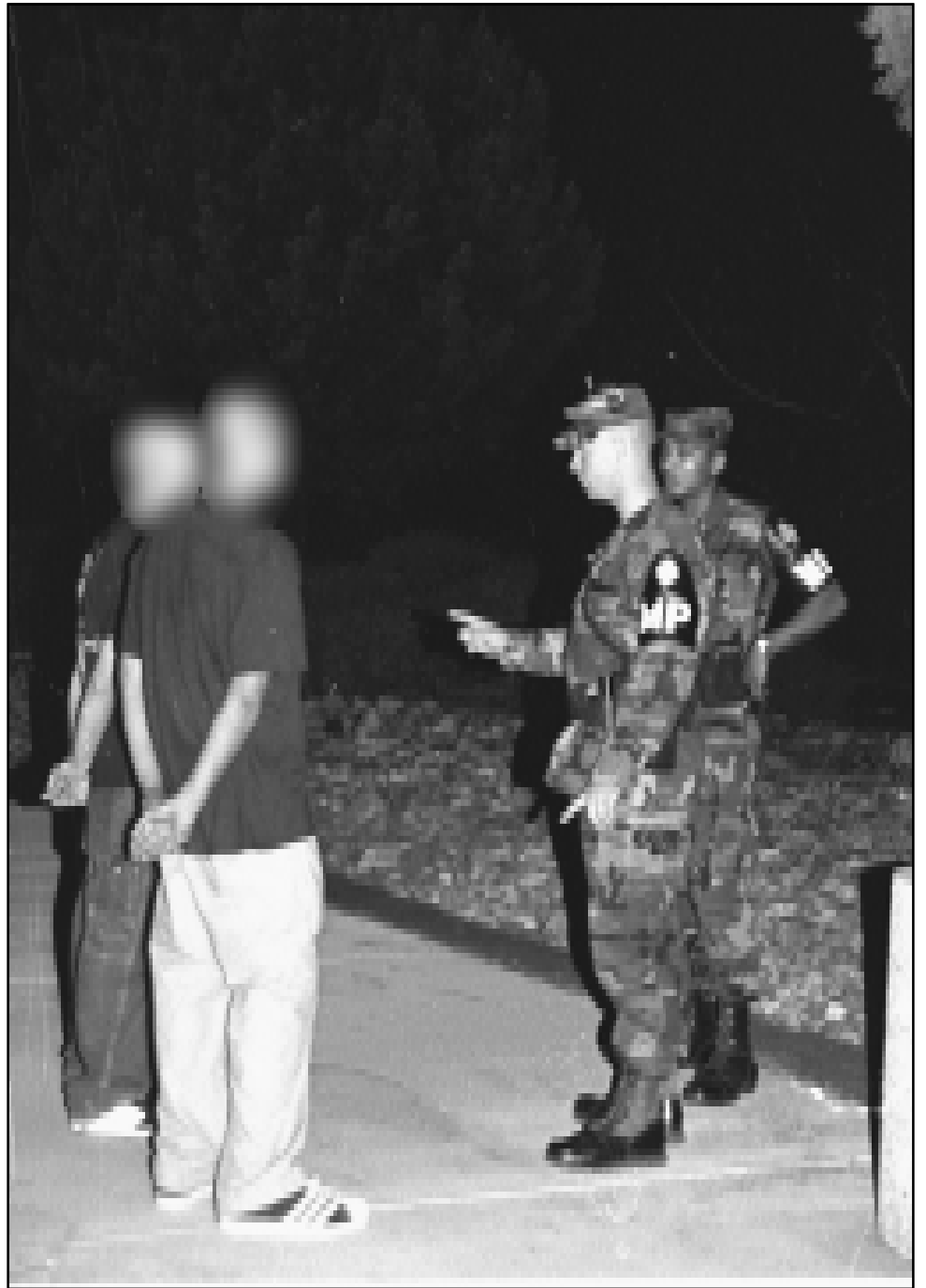


Photo by Sgt. Cullen James

After finding two of the suspects from Saturday night's bowling-alley brawl, Staff Sgt. Scott Hadfield, assistant noncommissioned officer in charge, Directorate of Public Safety Traffic Division, asks them for the name of the third suspect. Pvt. 2 Glenn Smith, in background, originally made the stop of the two suspects.

At the main gate, the MP gate-guard pulled someone over for suspicion of DUI. As we arrived, the driver was being escorted to the MP station by another patrol.

Hadfield made his way to the car to see if anyone in the vehicle was able to drive — they weren't.

Passengers loaded onto a taxi and Hadfield moved the vehicle into the Thrift Shop parking lot. A quick inspection of the vehicle found beer bottles stuffed under seats, one of them open. Hadfield radioed in, “... You got her on open container also.”

12:30 a.m.

The clubs on Fort Huachuca can be a

hotbed for brawls, disputes and other actions, according to the MPs. A run to the Ozone here showed very little going on in the parking lot.

Inside, Knott, Hannum, and Sgt. Benjamin Berry were there making sure everything was going okay.

After leaving the Ozone, we took a short run through the La Hacienda parking lot which showed no activity, so Hadfield decided it was time to call it a night.

“We're not just about busting people,” Hadfield said. “We also want to prevent things before they happen.”

“One of our sayings here,” Hadfield explained, “is we'd rather work radar than wrecks.”

VA insurance hoax raises its evil head — again

By Stan Williamson
Scout Staff

The perennial hoax purporting that a recent bill has passed Congress and the Department of Veterans Affairs will be paying dividends on expired life insurance policies is again appearing. The VA has provided the following information:

The VA Office of Inspector General requests your assistance in attempting to put an end to an insurance hoax that has plagued the VA for many years.

Veterans are being told by mimeographed fliers or articles in locally distributed publications to apply for SGLI dividends, even on lapsed policies. The fliers did not originate with the VA and do not reflect VA policies.

The VA does not pay dividends on lapsed SGLI policies.

Dividend payments are automatic to those veterans who have participating policies and who continue to pay premiums. The dividend is usually paid on the anniversary date of the policy, and no application is needed.

You can render a great service by providing VA's actual policy on SGLI dividends, as described above, to your veteran friends and the management of any publication that carries the insurance hoax notice.

Some recent versions of the hoax have included offers to assist the veteran in obtaining the "dividend" for a small fee. Since there is no such dividend, you should not give any money to individuals who make this offer to you.

If you are approached with such an offer, you should immediately report it to the VAOIG, providing all available

identifying information (such as name, address, and telephone number) on the individual. Write to the Department of Veterans Affairs, Inspector General Hotline (53E) P.O. Box 50410, Washington, D.C. 20091-0410, or e-mail vaoig.hotline@forum.va.gov, or call 800-488-VAIG (8244)

The insurance hoax is harmful because it unnecessarily raises the hopes of individuals who could use the money. Furthermore, various sections of the VA have to expend valuable resources in responding to individuals who follow the instructions on the hoax flier in an attempt to collect what they believe is a legitimate dividend.

More information about the SGLI legislation hoax is available at the VA Benefits page at <http://www.va.gov/benefits/hoax.htm>.

VA sets high priority, health care rules for Purple Heart recipients

VA release

WASHINGTON — Veterans awarded the Purple Heart for combat wounds will find it easier to get medical care from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Under new VA rules, Purple Heart veterans now have a higher priority for health-care services than before. Also, they don't have to make out-of-pocket payments, technically known as "co-payments," for either inpatient or outpatient VA medical services.

"VA has always recognized and appreciated the contributions of those who hold the Purple Heart," said Dr. Thomas L. Garthwaite, VA's Acting Under Secretary for Health. "Now, we are according those veterans a priority befitting their service to this nation."

The new rules authorize VA to reimburse Purple Heart

recipients for any medical co-payments made to VA for care given after Nov. 29, 1999. Purple Heart recipients are still responsible for making co-payments of \$2 for each 30-day supply of prescription medicine given to outpatients for conditions that are not related to military service.

"We urge Purple Heart recipients who have medical conditions they believe are related to their military service to contact VA for help in filing a claim," said Joe Thompson, VA's Under Secretary for Benefits.

By itself, the Purple Heart doesn't qualify veterans for VA disability compensation. That requires a separate screening process. Nor does the Purple Heart affect eligibility for long-term nursing care.


VA's new eligibility rules for Purple Heart recipients were approved last year by Congress in the Veterans Millennium

Health Care and Benefits Act. The change affects the seven-step priority system that Congress set up for VA health care.

It moves Purple Heart recipients who were in VA's priority groups 4 through 7 into priority group 3. Purple Heart recipients who qualify for priority groups 1 or 2 by virtue of service-connected disabilities will stay in those higher groups.

Anyone claiming benefits as a Purple Heart recipient must prove that they have been awarded the decoration. VA will accept the following as proof: Defense Department Form 214, discharge papers, military personnel records, orders or award certificates.

Today, there are approximately 600,000 living veterans who were wounded in combat and received the medal, according to the Military Order of the Purple Heart.



Medical Activity Command

Stocking that medicine cabinet is not a pain

TRICARE release

Every home and barracks room should have an adequately stocked medicine cabinet to treat minor illnesses and injuries.

Buying the least expensive and most frequently needed medications is recommended, because medicines become less effective over time. Medications should be replaced every three years or as soon as they expire. Always read the label before taking any medication. Because a medicine does not require a prescription, never assume it is safe. Remember to keep all medications out of the reach of children.

Below is a list of medications recommended for your medicine cabinet:

— Bandages and adhesive tape — To cover and protect minor wounds. Use bandages to keep dirt out of wounds, protect blisters, and keep the edges of cuts together. Keep the bandage clean and dry.

— Antiseptic cleansers — To clean minor wounds. Pour hydrogen peroxide onto the wound and clean with a cloth. Repeat until no dirt remains under the skin. Paint iodine onto the wound and surrounding area, leave on for a few minutes, then rinse off.

— Thermometer — To measure the body's temperature. Fever is used to help diagnose illness. The best places to measure the body's temperature are in the mouth and rectum. Oral thermometers should be placed under the

tongue with mouth closed for two to three minutes. The mercury in thermometers is poisonous. Small children should not use them if it is possible they may bite down on the thermometer and break it. Rectal thermometers should be used with a lubricant and inserted about one inch into the rectum for about two minutes.

— Pain and fever medications — To relieve pain and reduce fever. Acetaminophen in the proper dosage is often very safe for people of all ages. Aspirin is used for pain relief. Aspirin can cause Reye's Syndrome in children and shouldn't be used without a physician's approval. Ibuprofen and naproxen are effective relieving pain and reducing fever/inflammation, but can cause upset stomach.

— Antacids — To relieve upset stomach by neutralizing stomach acid. Antacids help decrease heartburn, ulcer and gas pains, and stomach upset.

— Baking Soda — A weak solution can soothe skin and relieve itching. A strong solution it can draw fluid and swelling out of a wound while cleansing it.

— Syrup of Ipecac — To induce vomiting if poisoning occurs by eating a plant or drug. Call the Poison Control Center immediately.

— Antihistamines and decongestants — These are used to treat allergy symptoms.

— Cold tablets — To help relieve some of the symptoms of colds and flu.

— Cough syrups — Expectorants are used

to liquefy secretions, making it easier to expel mucus.

— Diarrhea remedies — For persistent diarrhea, use a product with kaolin, pectin, or bismuth.

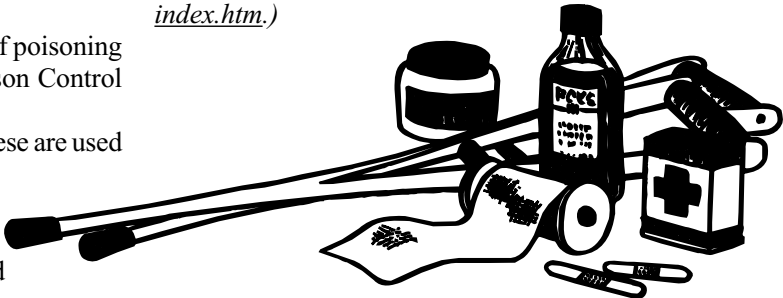
— Hydrocortisone cream — Applied to the skin to help relieve itching and rashes. Prolonged use (greater than two weeks) can cause thinning of the skin (atrophy).

— Sunscreen agents — To prevent sunburn. It allows the wearer to be outdoors for greater periods of time.

— Elastic bandages — To treat sprains. They provide gentle support and help reduce swelling. Wrap the bandage toward the trunk of the body allowing room for movement.

For more information please consult the Healthwise Handbook, available through your TRICARE Service Center, or contact the Health Care Information Line at 1-800-917-4372 in the United States. Additional information can be obtained at www.navymedicine.med.navy.mil.

(Editor's note: The source of this article is the Captain's Call Kit at <http://www.mediacen.navy.mil/pubs/cck/index.htm>.)



Community Updates

Passports required in Kuwait

Effective immediately, the Kuwait Embassy requires all soldiers, family members, and civilians permanently changing station to Kuwait obtain a passport. This is a change to previous policy which did not require the use of official passports. Orders and identification cards were sufficient.

Soldiers and civilians on temporary duty do not require an official passport. They may still enter and exit with their ID cards and orders.

Visas will only be issued for PCS purposes. Visa processing time once it reaches the embassy is five days. Passports must be valid for six months after the issuance of a visa in order to obtain the visa.

You may apply for the visa at the same time you request your passport. The visa application must be submitted in duplicate and you must have two photos for the visas. The photos are in addition to the two photos required for your passport. Bottom line — if you need the passport and visa, you need four photos.

For more information, call 533-0484.

Fuel key system

The Carter Street Fuel Point is converting to an automated dispensing system. This system is designed to dispense fuel and automatically produce the fuel bill using a key system.

Once the system is fully operational, users of the Carter Street Fuel Point will be required to have a key in order to dispense fuel into a vehicle or equipment.

Each organization's supply officer, motor pool representatives and budget officers must call Raymond Curtin at 533-2525 for more information concerning this fuel automation process.

Organizations who fail to contact Curtin will not be able to obtain fuel from the Carter Street Fuel Point once the new system is operational.

Get school physicals now

School and sports physicals now available in the pediatric clinics at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center. Individual appointments can be made by calling 533-9200.

The Health Center expects a large number of requests so be advised to schedule immediately to be ready for the start of the school year.

OCSC board forming

The Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club governing board for the 2000-2001 year is now forming. There are several committee positions still available.

The OCSC is an organization that raises money through various fundraisers so we are able to support the Fort Huachuca and Sierra Vista communities.

For information about the board positions, call Garlan Martens at 452-0989.

Teachers needed at chapel

Fall children's programs start Sept. 10 at the Main Post Chapel. Catholic CCD and Protestant Sunday School and Children's Church programs need teachers, assistant teachers, substitutes and administrators for all ages — two years through high school.

Pioneer Clubs offer a scouting experience with a Christian emphasis for children grades 1-6.

Seasonal programs will offer special opportunities and activities for Harvest Festival, Advent Christmas, Lent and Easter, Vacation Bible School and summer activities. Youth groups for Catholic Protestant Middle School and High School bring opportunities for spiritual growth, fun and fellowship.

You can make a difference in a child's life by sharing your life and faith with them. To volunteer, register your eligible children in programs or for information, call Doug Soleida, director of religious education, at 533-4598.

OSJA low staffed

The OSJA will be at a minimum staffing level Friday to allow the soldiers to participate in the Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 306th Military Intelligence Battalion Organizational Day events.

Federal jobs workshop

The Fort Huachuca Army Career and Alumni Program is offering a monthly Federal Jobs Workshop on Friday, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15.

The workshop covers how to find out about federal job vacancies, how to apply, what forms to use, how selections are made, federal pay scales, veterans preference, and the types of civil service appointments. The Resumix scannable resume used to apply for jobs at Fort Huachuca will be explained in detail.

Workshops are held in the ACAP Center, Building 22420 (next to the Military Clothing Sales) in the Old Post area. No reservation is necessary. The public is invited to attend.

For more information, call Thom Hapgood at 533-7314.

Improv at the Rep

Bisbee Repertory Theatre and its Teen Conservatory 2000 present "Not Yet Rated," two nights of improvisation Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. The theater building at 94 Main Street will rock with comedy and drama, created on the spot by BRT's teen actors. Audience members will get a chance to participate in the action.

Tickets are only \$5 for all ages. They are available at Atalanta's Music & Books in Old Bisbee, Ace Hardware in Warren and at the door.

For information, call 432-3786.

Civilian ID cards

Effective Monday, Civilian Identifica-



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tion Cards will be issued for both new hires and renewals at the Adjutant General Directorate Identification Card Section. The Identification Card Section is located on the ground floor of Building 41420 on Rhea Street.

The hours of operation for Civilian Identification Card issue will be Wednesdays from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Exceptions to this policy will be processed on a case by case basis. For information, call 533-1608.

ASMC luncheon

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its monthly business luncheon Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at La Hacienda Community Club. Featured speaker will be Lt. Col. Michael Yarmie, battalion commander, 11th Signal Brigade. His slide-show presentation will be on his experiences in East Timor.

The lunch menu will be an Italian buffet and salad bar. Cost is \$8 for ASMC members and \$9 for non-members. To make reservations and purchase tickets, ASMC members and guests should contact organizational representatives or buy them at the door. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

For information, call Linda Guinter at 456-2961.

Mandatory ethics training

All Department of Defense personnel required to file a Financial Disclosure Report are required to attend ethics training annually. All new employees are required to receive this training within 30 days of entering on duty.

Training sessions will be held from 10-11 a.m. in Room 1215, Greely Hall, on Tuesday and Sept. 21.

Financial Disclosure Report filers are required to attend only one training session per calendar year. For information, call Tom King at 533-3197.

Transportation to Irwin Pool

The Sierra Vista Department of Parks and Leisure began Wednesday providing free transportation from the Oscar Yrun Community Center and Veterans' Memorial Park to Irwin Pool, Tuesday through Friday, 1-5 p.m. until Wednesday. For information, call 458-7922.

OCSC membership drive

The Fort Huachuca Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club would like to invite any person eligible for membership to come and join us for our annual membership drive/welcome coffee Wednesday, 10 a.m.-noon at the LakeSide Activity Centre.

There will be many special interest tables for newcomers as well as sign-ups for several of the special activities such as, horseback riding, trips and tours, hiking and crafting, that the OCSC will be sponsoring throughout the year. For information, call 452-0989.

Celebrate women's equality

Celebrate Women's Equality Day by saving a life and registering to vote. Fort Huachuca will celebrate Women's Equal-

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Rules for using government vehicles

By Stan Williamson
Scout Staff

On any given day, there can be as many as 600 GSA leased vehicles in use on Fort Huachuca. Since the early 1990s, the government has stopped government agencies or departments, such as the U.S. Forest Service, Treasury Department and even the Department of Defense, from buying their own vehicles for administrative needs.

Instead, all government agencies now obtain their administrative vehicles from the Government Services Agency.

Tom Sochan, Installation Transportation Officer, often asks drivers if they know about the strict rules governing the use of Official Government Vehicle with some strong penalties.

If you're not sure if what you're using your office vehicle for is permitted, give Sochan a call at 533-1434. Sochan says there are many restrictions that apply when using government vehicles, whether they are GSA types or tactical vehicles.

Army Regulation 58-1

The following information on use of government vehicles was taken from AR 58-1, Management, Acquisition and Use of Motor Vehicles, Jan. 28, 2000.

The regulation states that vehicles will not be provided when the justification is based solely on reasons of rank, position, prestige or personal convenience.

Off-post restrictions

Have you ever taken a military vehicle downtown or seen one downtown? AR 58-1 clearly states "Official motor vehicle transportation requirements do not include; transportation to private social functions; personal errands or side trips for unofficial purposes; transportation of dependents or visitors without an accompanying official; or in support of non-DoD activities unless specifically approved under provisions of Army Regulations."

On-post restrictions

Besides off-post locations, there are many on-post sites where you cannot take a government vehicle. Sochan says anyone who drives a government vehicle to, or parks one at the commissary, Post Exchange (including all concessions), the bowling alley, LakeSide or La Hacienda clubs, or any non-appropriated fund activity is in direct violation of the regulation. Exceptions to this rule will apply only for personnel using a vehicle while performing official government business or temporary duty.

AR 58-1 states "government vehicles will not be used

to transport personnel over all or any part of the route between their domicile and places of duty or employment unless specifically authorized by The Secretary of the Army and 31 U.S.C. 1344 and the Federal Property Management Regulations, Amendment A-42." However, this does not preclude movement of enlisted soldiers between troop billets and duty areas when the commander determines that such movement is incident to the performance of duty.

According to the regulation, government vehicles will not be used to transport Army personnel and their family members to, from, or between U.S. Government facilities or commercial establishments for the purpose of conducting personal business, or engaging in other activities of a personal nature. Sochan offers these examples, government vehicles will not be used to transport personnel or to pickup or deliver any items or supplies that are required for any unofficial functions or activities such as office coffee funds, office luncheons, picnics and so on.

Penalties

AR 58-1 states, "The unauthorized or willful misuse of an Army owned or controlled motor vehicle may be cause for disciplinary actions as follows:

Civilian personnel

"Any officer or employee of the Government who willfully uses or authorizes the use of any U.S. Government-owned or leased passenger motor vehicle, (except for official purposes as authorized by 31 U.S.C. Section 1344), or otherwise violates section 1344 shall be suspended from duty, without compensation, for not less than one month, and shall be suspended for a longer period or summarily removed from office if circumstances warrant (31 U.S.C. 1349(b).

Military personnel

"Military personnel who willfully use or authorize the use of any U.S. Government-owned or leased passenger motor vehicle (except for official purposes as authorized by 31 U.S.C. Section 1344 (31 U.S.C.) may be disciplined under provisions of the Uniform Code of Military Justice or other administrative procedures deemed appropriate.

A final note

"Depending on facts and circumstances, the criminal sanctions of 18 U.S.C. 641, may apply to the misuse of a government motor vehicle. The statute provides for a fine or imprisonment for up to 10 years or both."

An easy way to stay out of trouble is to remember that official government vehicles are for official government business only.

Seatbelts offer life saving protection for every passenger

By Cecil V. Anderson
Safety Specialist

The present use of seat belts by the general public has been the accumulative effect of a massive and ongoing education campaign by safety personnel and law makers, the world over.

Air bags, called passive restraint systems, have been designed and manufactured for today's automobile. While these work well, they're still not to be used alone since most only protect in frontal area contact crashes. They must be used in conjunction with some type of seat belt.

Adult protection was the first area of concern for automotive engineers. Once this was well on it's way to becoming a reality, someone began thinking about protecting children and infants. Enter the child and infant restraint systems. Surprisingly, or perhaps not so surprisingly, these restraint systems became popular, almost immediately. Much quicker than the use of seat belts for

adults. Moms and dads buckled their progeny in place, often while still driving without their own belts in place.

One of the most difficult things to do was to convince a "mom" that if she held the infant in her arms during a crash, she was going to have the child crushed between herself and the dash, if she didn't buckle her own belt. And the child would also be killed as an unrestrained, flying object, smashed against the dash, if she did. (Remember, when two vehicles, each traveling at 50 M.P.H. collide, the combined speed is 100 M.P.H. and the forces generated are in the "tons" range.)

One of the other errors with children is the firm belief that an infant or child needs to see where it's going. The safest position for an infant is riding backwards, in the back seat! The child's back is much more able to withstand the effects of a crash than it's chest. The head is forced back against the infant seat in this position instead of being thrown forward, snapping the neck.

Improper use of GSA credit cards is a crime

GSA Fleet Services release

Last April, William F. Webster, Director, GSA Fleet, sent a message to all users of GSA Fleet leased vehicles. Webster was concerned about current GSA Fleet leasing rates and rising fuel prices.

Now, another problem has surfaced. Drivers are abusing the GSA Fleet Services (Credit) Card supplied with each GSA vehicle.

"For every GSA Fleet vehicle, we provide a Fleet Services Card that is accepted at over 150,000 fueling sites and maintenance and repair facilities that accept a VISA purchase card," he said.

For the vehicle driver, this means fast, pay-at-the-pump service at convenient locations. For GSA Fleet, this means detailed electronic transaction data on each purchase that allows GSA budget and finance personnel to closely monitor all purchases made with the Fleet Services Card.

"When we discover improper purchases, the driver's agency is billed-back for the purchase," Webster explained. Although items such as coffee, candy, newspapers and other personal items are low cost items, they are prohibited and the leasing agency will be advised of this abuse and billed for the unauthorized purchases. The leasing agency is also required to take appropriate action with the employee.

Webster said GSA thoroughly researches all card purchases, and when abuse or fraudulent activity is found, action is taken immediately to recover the loss.

Further, Webster warns that fraudulent use of the Fleet Services Card is a serious offense that has already resulted in loss of federal employment and retirement benefits, as well as criminal and civil charges against both military and civilian employees. These penalties resulted from the research performed by GSA on card purchases.

For example, in one case, suspicious transactions were traced to collusion between a federal employee and a vendor, resulting in prosecution and a heavy fine. In another, a military recruiter was court marshaled after selling a Fleet Services Card to a civilian.

"We work closely with agency fleet managers and investigators, and need the help, cooperation and assistance of all commanders and civilian supervisors to educate drivers on the proper use of the GSA Fleet Services (Credit) Card and their role in holding the line on costs," he said.

Here are some suggestions

- Purchase only authorized fuel and maintenance services and only for the vehicle identified on the front of the card.
 - Report lost or stolen cards immediately to your GSA Fleet manager or Fleet Services representative.
 - Use only self-service pumps and regular unleaded gasoline (except for alternative fuel vehicles).
 - Use the fuel provider with the lowest cost — shop for the best price.
 - Conserve fuel — plan your trips.
 - Safeguard the card at all times. Never leave the card in the vehicle when left at a repair facility or when not in use. Establish stringent controls on the use and safeguarding of the card in your organization.
 - Review the purchases made with the card on a periodic basis with your drivers.
 - Observe the posted speed limits — do not speed.
 - Read the drivers' guides issued with the GSA Fleet vehicle for more information and guidance.
- And, Webster says, "most importantly, buckle up. It saves lives."

USAIC&FH Organization Day 2000 slated for Fri.

By Master Sgt. LaToya E. Sizer
Public Affairs NCOIC

The U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca is hosting its annual Organization Day from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at Warrior Field for all soldiers, civilians and family members of the USAIC&FH.

Its purpose is to enhance team building and foster a climate of camaraderie and esprit de corps between soldiers, family members, units and civilian employees who support USAIC&FH soldiers.

Events are scheduled as follows:

- 5 a.m. 10-K Run at Apache Flats;
Ruck March competition at Brock Field
- 6:30 a.m. Obstacle Course at Apache Flats;
2-mile run at Krueger Track
- 7 a.m. Golf Tournament at Mountain View Golf Course
- 7:30 a.m. Formation

- 7:45 a.m. Opening Ceremony
- 8 a.m. Softball tournament at Warrior Field;
100-meter dash at Krueger Track
- 8:30 a.m. Vehicle Backup at the 111th MI Brigade Motorpool;
M-16 Assemble/Disassemble at Warrior Field
- 9 a.m. Benchpress competition at Eifler Gym;
Guidon Race at Warrior Field;
Racquetball Tournament at Eifler Gym
- 9:30 a.m. Volleyball Tournament at MI Village;
400-meter Dash at Krueger Track;
Children’s activities begin at Warrior Field
- 10 a.m. Horseshoes at MI Village;
800-meter dash at Krueger Track;
Chess Tournament at Warrior Field

- 10:30 a.m. Push-up Event at Warrior Field;
Darts Tournament at Warrior Field;
Commander’s Relay at Warrior Field
- 11 a.m. Basketball Tournament at Eifler Gym;
Spades Tournament at Warrior Field;
Pinochle Tournament at Warrior Field
- 11:30 a.m. Sit-ups competition at Warrior Field;
Scrabble Tournament at Warrior Field;
Dominoes Tournament at Warrior Field
- Noon Tug-of-War competition at MI Village
- 2 p.m. Formation and awards presentation

In addition to the sporting and fun events, food booths will also be available. B Troop will provide free pony rides to children, and the Fun Castle will also be available all day for children. McGruff, the crime dog, will be on site, and the Military Police working dogs will do demonstrations. Uniform for soldiers is appropriate civilian attire.

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dinator. One advantage to the restructuring is that one commander will lead all school-related functions. Another practical advantage is an increase in teacher-to-student ratios so classroom instruction can be improved, Quirk added. This will be accomplished through the eventual blending of three companies from the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade, into one company. This consolidation will reduce overhead and allow those in administrative positions to fill instructor positions. Another advantage is moving all officer training into one battalion. This was accomplished as the Officer Basic and Warrant Officer Basic courses migrated on Aug. 1 from the 309th Military Intelligence Battalion to the 304th. The end result of this move will have the following effects: The 111th Military Intelligence Brigade will have three battalions; the 305th and 309th battalions at Fort Huachuca and the 344th battalion out of Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas. Each will have a reduction of one company. The 112th Military Intelligence Brigade, formerly called Continuous Learning, commands the 304th, and gains command of the 306th, formerly part of the Garrison Command here. “The 306th was the right fit,” said Quirk, “as it housed all the training support functions for the directorate of continuous learning mission. Now the

training and training support functions are aligned under one commander.” The garrison retains command and control of all the previous directorates, but the soldier and training support functions have moved to the 112th. The future of Fort Huachuca is to transition the garrison management functions to civilian positions as much as possible. This is the way most Army installations are being structured to maximize availability of military personnel for managing the military mission. “Through this realignment we will economize and optimize the operations at Fort Huachuca for the Intelligence Center,” said Browning. “We need as many battalion com-

manders as we can to be a part of the training structure and this realignment does that for us,” added Quirk. Who will command this new brigade? Lt. Col. Gary Parrish is the selected commander. Parrish was the director of continuous learning and the perfect choice for the job, said Quirk. What is the bottom line on all this moving and changing? According to Quirk this will allow a better opportunity to focus on the future. “We have people who think about [future training] for a living,” he added. “The design behind this decision,” said Quirk, “is that it will improve training. People are positioned to best accomplish the number one priority — training.”

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ity Day on Aug. 18 to combine the commemoration of the 19th Amendment with the blood drive scheduled at Murr Community Center, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to mark women’s contributions to this country by giving blood and contributing to the welfare of the community. The Post EO Office will have an educational display set up and show a short video commemorating the historic journey of the women’s rights movement. In addition, there will be a voter regis-

tration booth set up in the area so that women (and men) can register to exercise that hard won right. Each blood donor will also receive a “Women’s Equality Day” souvenir. Help save lives while commemorating the culmination of the women’s rights movement. For information, call the Military EO Office at 533-1717 or 533-5305. **Greyhound picnic** The Greyhound Adoption League of Sierra Vista will host The Greyt Greyhound

Potluck Picnic and Celebration of Saint Gelert (Patron Saint of Greyhounds) on Aug. 20, 1-5 p.m. at Veterans’ Memorial Park, Ramada #1. (Bring Greyhounds only.) The league will also conduct a Greyhound Adoption Day on Aug. 26 for Sierra Vista and the surrounding area. The adoption day will be 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Bookman’s Bookstore, 100 West Fry Blvd. The program is also in need of temporary homes for these beautiful dogs. For more information or to RSVP for the picnic, call Dave Breen at 378-1763.

Blue Cross benefits brief All federal employees who are Blue Cross Blue Shield Service Benefit Plan Subscribers are invited to a benefits brief Aug. 21, 1-3 p.m. at Murr Community Center, Roadrunner Room. A representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield will visit Fort Huachuca to explain how to get the most out of your insurance coverage and answer your questions on benefits, claims or enrollment. For questions, call Michele Darby at 533-5273.